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CIA concerned for files

The CIA is reportedly balking at the prospect of turning over its secret files to the House Intelligence Committee because of a House rule which could give all 435 members access to those documents, informed sources in Washington say. Agency officials fear that the rule that "all committee hearings, records, data, and files . . . shall be the property of the House and all members shall have access to such records" could be used by congressional critics to leak CIA secrets to the press, the sources said.

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Head of Panel On CIA Seeks Plan on Leaks

By JOSEPH VOLZ

Washington, March 25 (News Bureau) — Rep. Lucien N. Nedzi (D. Mich.), chairman of a special House committee to investigate the Central Intelligence Agency, said today that he was trying to come up with a plan to prevent leaks of proceedings before the committee.

Nedzi's statement came amid CIA complaints that some congressmen might make public some sensitive information to be given the panel. The CIA is also concerned about a House rule that all committee business must be open eventually to all 435 congressmen, some of whom are opposed to some activities of the CIA.

Harrington, Dellums Eyed

The CIA has not yet turned over any material to Nedzi, because he has not made any requests.

It was understood that the CIA was especially worried about what two committee members, Reps. Michael Harrington (D-Mass.) and Ronald V. Dellums (D-Calif.), both outspoken critics of the CIA, might do if they obtained agency documents.

A Harrington aide, asked about this, said the congressman was not "a congenital leaker."

Aides to Dellums, a Black activist, say that to suspect him of being a potential leaker is unfair. "Ron has served on the Armed Services Committee for two years and hasn't leaked anything," one said.

A factor in CIA distrust of the two is that Harrington and Dellums have sued the agency under the Freedom of Information Act, seeking details of CIA activities.

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Sam Papich, a former FBI agent, discussing Russian undercover activities in the U.S. after testifying before the Rockefeller commission probing the CIA:

"They aren't here to play games up (at the Russian Embassy). You'll find more domestic surveillance and invasion of the privacy of Americans from that place than in all the U.S. government. That's where we ought to be looking."